



Stage 1 students enjoyed a wonderful excursion to Billa-bong Koala Park.
See story inside

P & C Motto: Participate & Communicate
Meet every third Wednesday of the month

Next P&C Meeting

Wednesday 19 June
4:00pm
in staffroom
All welcome

P & C SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

Order forms are available from the Front Office.

Please include your payment (cheques payable to FPVC P&C Association).
Your order will be filled as soon as possible.

CANTEEN CLOSED ON TUESDAYS

Community Notices

BE THE BEST PARENT YOU CAN BE - The Triple P Group is running this 8-week Positive Parenting Course from 23 July to 10 September 2013. All are welcome, and to find out more or book into a group, contact Christine Woods 65687364 or Terry Moane 65684471.

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Farewell from Mrs Miller.

As most of you are probably aware, my last day at the school will be on Friday pending my actual retirement during the holidays. My retirement has been planned for over twelve months, however it seems to have crept up very quickly. I have enjoyed talking with the students over the last two weeks as so many of them want to wish me well and say goodbye. It has been my great pleasure to see so many students grow and mature and put so much effort into everything they do and I have valued being able to share so many of their life milestones with them.



Thank you to the many parents who have come to wish me well and I know I will be around to stay in contact with the school and its community after my initial travel. I look forward to catching up with many more parents and community members before the end of the week.

Over the last four and a half years, we have effectively implemented many changes in the school and I am very proud to have been part of such a vibrant and progressive school. As I move to a new chapter in my life I wish the students and families every success in the future. I know I will miss the greetings, the smiles and the hugs.

June 2013		Events Calendar
27	Thurs	NAIDOC Day from 10.15am
27	Fri	Last Day of Term 2
July 2013		
15	Mon	Staff Development Day
16	Tues	Students return to school
19	Fri	Athletics Carnival

Review

Given the fact that we have a change of leadership at our wonderful school, it is felt that it is timely to conduct a review of the school policies, procedures and practices regarding student welfare. During the first four weeks of next term, a panel will conduct interviews and review data held by the school to identify progress, effectiveness and recommend any updates that may be undertaken. We believe that the review of this important area in the school will provide a sound base for the new principal to work with and provide accountability data for the annual reporting to parents.

A panel is being formed to undertake the process that includes a convenor (Mrs Wendy Bagust), a principal, a parent and a teacher. As relieving principal, Ms Sandi Hills will ably assist the process and be able to assist with its implementation. I look forward to the parents and students having a greater understanding of the policies and practices as a result of the review.

Multi-Cultural Public Speaking

Last Tuesday our school was the host for the District Finals of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. The Stage 2 students had to present a 3-minute speech, while Stage 3 had to speak for 4 minutes. As well as a prepared speech the students had to give an impromptu speech after 5 minutes preparation.

The winner of Stage 2 was from our school, Edmund Hurley, who will compete in the next level in Armidale in August. Rohan Duguid in Stage 3 received a High Commendation. Well done, everyone. We are proud of you.



Rohan, Edmund, Brooke and Lily with judge, Mr Ian Muldoon.

CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS *Normal menu available every day*

Name: _____ Class: _____

WEDNESDAY 26 June

PARTY DAY

HOT DOG

(frankfurt, bread roll and sauce)

+

Nippy's Flavoured Milk

Chocolate/Strawberry (circle choice)

PRICE \$4.50

Mixed lollies available to buy

Name: _____ Class: _____

THURSDAY 27 June

MEAT PIE & TOMATO SAUCE

+

FM Flavoured Milk

Chocolate/Strawberry (circle choice)

PRICE \$4.60

Name: _____ Class: _____

FRIDAY 28 June

6 CHICKEN NUGGETS & SAUCE

Tomato BBQ, (circle choice)

+ Orchy Fruit Juice

Orange/Apple/Orange Passio (circle choice)

PRICE \$4.70



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING



Congratulations to the following students
for
"CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD"

Belle Elphick Ttooulou

Bailey Chaseling - waiting patiently at the office counter

Will Urquhart - sitting quietly in the office

Chloe Cameron - being responsible

CARE RESPECT RESPONSIBLE SAFE

Library News

Can you imagine a world without books OR reading?

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation aims to raise literacy levels and improve the lives and opportunities of Indigenous children living in remote and isolated regions.

This year we will once again support the Foundation by holding a *GREAT BOOK SWAP*. Money raised from our sale will buy new books and literacy resources for these children.

On NAIDOC Day students are encouraged to bring a gold coin to school to swap for pre-loved books. This year I am not asking for donations of books as we have a stockpile that have been discarded from our Library collection.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE!

Visit the web for more details.

<http://www.indigenouseliteracyfoundation.org.au/>

A reminder to students: Please return all Library books before the holidays!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Friday 19 July 2013

NAIDOC DAY

We warmly invite you and your family to join us in celebrating NAIDOC Day on Thursday 27 June.

Parent Workshops start at 10.15am

Classroom Activities 11.45 – 12 noon

Official Assembly 12.00 noon

NAIDOC Activities 12.30pm

Traditional Lunch 1.30pm

Please bring a gold coin to buy a book from "The Great Book Swap"



Bangara Dance Workshop

On Wednesday the 12th of June twelve Stage 3 Aboriginal students went to Camden Haven with Nambucca Heads High School to participate in a dance workshop.

When we arrived there were all other schools already doing what we were there to do. First we did a workshop on stretches and warm ups then the girls and boys were split into groups so they each learnt a different dance. Both groups learnt their dances step by step. It was lots of fun especially watching Ms Edwards and Mrs Taylor from the High School. We practiced our dances over and over with breaks in between. Both groups got to watch each other's dances.

While we were dancing a lady was going around handing out numbered stickers, this meant that if you got a sticker you were chosen to go onto other workshops. Unfortunately no one from our school was chosen but we all had an awesome day.

Thank you Ms Edwards for organising the day and taking us to Camden Haven.....by Jacinta Hurley

Stage 3 Sports and Wellbeing Day

On Friday the 14th June Stage 3 went to the Buzz Brazel Spots Field at Scotts Head for a fun day of sports and healthy activities with Ritchie Donovan. Ritchie showed us how to high jump and long jump correctly, sprint 70m and how to run in a relay and swap the batten. Mr Freebairn instructed us on how to use the tackle bag correctly and the rules for touch football. During our lunch break we had a fun game of touch football. For recess we had fresh fruit and lunch was sausage sandwiches. Everyone had a fun day. My favourite activity was the tackling bags.....by James Donovan

Stage 3 went to Scotts Head field with Ritchie Donovan and we did lots of different sports. We did high jump, long jump and sprints. It was an awesome day. My favourite was the sprinting. We got fresh fruit for recess, sausage sandwiches for lunch and an ice pole to finish the day. Ritchie told us that maybe next time we will have an overnight camp. We all had a great time.
.....by Sophia Fidirikkos



Kane Galo and Lily Dedman thanking Ritchie on behalf of Stage 3 students for his time and generosity.

OUR EXCITING ADVENTURE TO BILLABONG KOALA PARK

Last Thursday, Stage 1 students set out to Port Macquarie on an exciting adventure. We arrived at the Billabong Koala Park and were met by two animal tamers!!

Our first duty was to have a quick bite to eat before heading off into the unknown. After patting wild koalas and feeding some hungry kangaroos, our next stop was to the snow leopard enclosure. The rabbits and guinea pigs were peacefully observing our every move. On the track to the sleepy wombats we came across a ferocious dingo.

There was no stopping us!!

Quokkas, owls, possums, cassowaries, pheasants, eagle, little penguins...we saw the lot. As we approached the dangerous reptiles, everyone was wary, the darkened enclosure kept us all on our toes. Slithery, slimy snakes, tree frogs, turtles, lizards and crocodiles were all watching. As we came out we were met by a lizard and a snake. Oh, my goodness, what were we to do?

Stopping to compose ourselves with a bite to eat, we began to think where our adventure would take us next. The crocodile was lurking looking for his next meal....everyone was hungry. The glass kept "Shrek" the crocodile from eating us with his sharp teeth.

Silently, we slipped away back onto the bus to dream of our next adventure.

.....Miss Wesley



Jake feeds a very placid kangaroo

Yazzystar and Shardonnae pat the sleepy koala





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To the Whole School Community,
Frank Partridge VC Public School,

It is with great disappointment that I must let you know that I will not be able to make the journey up to Nambucca Heads to meet with you prior to the end of this term. I have looked at every possibility but the distance and my commitments to the kids down here make this early trip impossible.

I will be visiting Nambucca with my family during the second week of the holidays just to have a look around and then again early in the term to meet the students, staff, parents and community. I will keep Sue and Sandi Hills fully informed of my movements and hope to catch up with as many people as I can.

Once again, my sincere apologies.

Todd Potter

School Rugby League

Over the past few weeks our Boys Rugby League team have been working hard out on the paddock. Competing in both the PSSA Knockout and the Rugby League 7's Tournament in under of week was a great challenge. Unfortunately, the boys went down narrowly in the PSSA Knockout but they managed to finish 2nd in the Rugby League 7's, only losing 1st place by one try. Our props Kane Galo and Nathan Woodland lead the way charging at the defence, while our speedy backs Rangi Buchanan, Jake Jones, Travis Hayden and James Donovan found gaps in the line to score. Deklan Cutmore was excellent out of dummy half while the defence of Samuel Donovan again rattled bones. Our captain Michael Buchanan was outstanding across the park and proved why he made it to North Coast Trials this year. The school is extremely proud of all the boys from years 3-6 and considering that most of the team are in years 3, 4 and 5, the Frank Partridge VC team is looking good for 2014! Thank you to all the parents for their support and assistance. That's the kind of support that gets us over the try line!

